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Fragment-based drug discovery (FBDD) is a recently mainstream approach in the pharmaceutical sciences used to generate the starting chemical matter in the early stages of drug discovery. In its early days, it received both high expectations and skepticism on its potential to transform lead discovery. In this dissertation, we explored the role of various actors in the adoption and commercialization of the approach. This research uses publications, questionnaires, interviews and archival analysis in order to contribute insights on how pioneers can seize opportunities from scientific breakthroughs.

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